
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO WORK WITH THE HAWAII
RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION TO INFORM FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS OF
RECENTLY UPDATED FOOD SAFETY RULES AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS
TO ENSURE ALL PROPER SAFETY MEASURES ARE TAKEN IN ALL FOOD
ESTABLISHMENTS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, improper handling of food at eateries and other
2 food service establishments gives rise to public health
3 concerns; and
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5 WHEREAS, the cross contamination of food by employees who
6 handle food and do not observe proper food safety procedures is
7 a public health issue; and
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9 WHEREAS, employees at eateries who serve food may also be
10 asked to perform tasks such as cleaning tables or facilities, or
11 handling financial transactions; and
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13 WHEREAS, concerned citizens have observed these employees
14 perform cleaning duties, serve food, and perform financial
15 transactions without wearing gloves or washing their hands
16 between such tasks; and
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18 WHEREAS, a failure to wear gloves or wash one's hands
19 between serving food and performing financial transactions, or
20 cleaning tables or facilities, may cause the food to become
21 cross-contaminated; and
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23 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 321-11, Hawaii Revised
24 Statutes, the Department of Health is authorized to adopt rules
25 it deems necessary for the public health and safety for
26 establishments where food for human consumption is prepared and
27 offered for sale; and
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29 WHEREAS, on September 1, 2017, the Department of Health
30 updated its Food Safety Code to adopt the 2013 Food and Drug
31 Administration Model Food Code almost verbatim; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Department of Health's updated Food Safety
3 Code is one of the most up to date in the country and has been
4 in place for a little over 1.5 years; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
7 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the
8 Department of Health and Hawaii Restaurant Association are urged
9 to work together to ensure that all establishments, particularly
10 smaller establishments like food trucks, are informed about the
11 updated food safety rules and updated industry standards to
12 ensure all proper safety measures are taken in all food service
13 establishments in Hawaii; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and
16 Hawaii Restaurant Association are urged to collaborate on any
17 additional amendments that may need to be added to existing
18 rules and submit a report of their findings and recommendations,
19 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
20 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
21 of 2020; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and
25 Executive Director of the Hawaii Restaurant Association.

